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APPLICANT: Johan ERICSON CONF. No.: 6942

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FOR: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS INVOLVED IN GROUCHO-

MEDIATED DIFFERENTIATION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before January 13, 2005. A check in the amount of \$1,080.00 (Check Number: 2417) in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 21882-502, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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